

U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 10/815,275
Applicant: Barron, et al.

REMARKS

The undersigned attorney thanks Examiner Dunwoody for the careful review of this patent application. Prior to entry of this *Amendment*, Claims 1-19 were pending in the Application. Claims 1, 3-9, 12, 14-17, and 19 were rejected, and Claims 2, 13, and 18 were objected to.

Claim Rejections

In the *Office Action* of 10 January 2005, the Examiner noted that Claims 2, 13, and 18 would be allowable if written in independent form. Such amendments have been made. Accordingly, upon entry of this *Amendment*, Claims 2-11, 13-16, and 18-19 are currently pending in this *Application* with Claims 1, 12, and 17 being canceled without prejudice.

Specification

Also, in the specification, the Examiner objected to the disclosure because of informality. The specification has been amended to correct minor editorial or clerical problems. The *Amendment* to the specification does not constitute new matter.

Oath/Declaration

The Examiner stated that the oath or declaration was defective. In order to correct the Examiner's objection to the oath or declaration, an *Application Data Sheet* is included herewith.

Drawings

The Examiner also objected to the drawings, noting that the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, the Examiner objected to the O-rings.

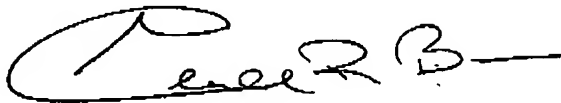
O-rings are claimed in Claim 11, which depends on Claim 2. The O-rings are shown in the drawings, specifically Fig. 2. As disclosed in the specification, the sealing gasket 38 may be an O-ring. As Fig. 2 illustrates, the sealing gasket is in the shape of an O-ring. The specification, on page 8, lines 1-14, describe the O-rings. This paragraph states that "preferably gasket 38 has a filled figure eight cross sectional shape similar to that of a pair of O-rings joined together."

The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider this objection, in light of the description disclosed in the specification and illustrated in Fig. 2.

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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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